

**INTERLEAVER FOR A TURBO ENCODER IN AN UMTS AND METHOD FOR  
PERFORMING INTERLEAVING**

**PRIORITY**

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This application claims priority to an application entitled "Interleaver For a Turbo Encoder in an UMTS System and Method for Performing Interleaving" filed in the Korean Industrial Property Office on September 29, 2000 and assigned Serial No. 2000-57330; the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates generally to a turbo encoder for a radio communication system, and in particular, to an interleaver for a turbo encoder in an UMTS (Universal Mobile Telecommunication System) and a method for performing interleaving.

**2. Description of the Related Art**

In general, a turbo encoder using a turbo code is typically used for a radio communication system such as ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network), digital cellular, W-CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access) and IMT-2000 systems. The turbo encoder includes an interleaver, which improves a codeword distance characteristic by randomizing data input to the turbo encoder. A performance of the turbo encoder chiefly depends on the interleaver.

FIG. 1 illustrates a structure of a conventional turbo encoder designated generally by reference numeral 106. As illustrated, the turbo encoder 106 includes a first constituent encoder 102 for encoding input frame data dK into output data Y1K, an interleaver 100 for interleaving the input frame data dK, and a second constituent encoder 104 for encoding the interleaved data output from the interleaver 100 into output data Y2K. As a result, the turbo encoder 106 outputs data XK equivalent to the

non-encoded input frame data  $dK$ , the encoded data  $Y1K$  and the interleaved encoded data  $Y2K$ . The interleaver 100 outputs data, which is equal in size to the input data frame  $dK$ , and permutes the sequence of the data bits input to the second constituent encoder 104 so as to reduce correlation among the data bits.

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A detailed description of the interleaver 100 will now be given below. The interleaver 100 sequentially stores the input data in a memory with a matrix structure of rows and columns, and then initializes interleaving parameters determined according to the number of input data bits. That is, the interleaver 100 sets various parameters such as index of row number of rectangular matrix  $j$  and index of column number of rectangular matrix  $i$  and prime number  $p$  and primitive root  $\mu$  for inter-row/intra-row permutation for interleaving the input data as well as the number  $R$  of the rows and the number  $C$  of the columns, to the values corresponding to the number  $K$  of the input data bits by consulting a table in the memory.

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For example, if the number of the input data bits is  $K=40$ , then the parameters are determined as  $R=5$ ,  $C=8$ ,  $p=7$  and  $\mu=3$ . The interleaver 100 then arranges the input data in a  $5 \times 8$  matrix of the memory as shown in Table 1 below.

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Table 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40

Subsequently, the interleaver 100 first performs interleaving on the rows of the input data, arranged as shown in Table 1. At this point, the interleaver 100 determines an inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  to perform interleaving on the rows. The inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  is a function for inter-row interleaving the input data, and is determined by Equation (1) below according to the number  $K$  of the input data bits.

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Equation (1)

$T(j) = \text{pat4}$  (for  $40 \leq K \leq 159$ )

$T(j) = \text{pat3}$  (for  $160 \leq K \leq 200$ )

$T(j) = \text{pat1}$  (for  $201 \leq K \leq 480$ )

5  $T(j) = \text{pat3}$  (for  $481 \leq K \leq 530$ )

$T(j) = \text{pat1}$  (for  $531 \leq K \leq 2280$ )

$T(j) = \text{pat2}$  (for  $2281 \leq K \leq 2480$ )

$T(j) = \text{pat1}$  (for  $2481 \leq K \leq 3160$ )

$T(j) = \text{pat2}$  (for  $3161 \leq K \leq 3210$ )

10  $T(j) = \text{pat1}$  (for  $3211 \leq K \leq 5114$ )

where  $\text{pat1} = \{19, 9, 14, 4, 0, 2, 5, 7, 12, 18, 10, 8, 13, 17, 3, 1, 16, 6, 15, 11\}$ ,

$\text{pat2} = \{19, 9, 14, 4, 0, 2, 5, 7, 12, 18, 16, 13, 17, 15, 3, 1, 6, 11, 8, 10\}$ ,

$\text{pat3} = \{9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0\}$ , and

$\text{pat4} = \{4, 3, 2, 1, 0\}$ .

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The interleaver 100 permutes the rows of the input data by coping a  $T(j)^{\text{th}}$  row of the original matrix into a  $j^{\text{th}}$  row of a new matrix according to the inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$ . That is, since the number of the input data bits is  $K=40$ , the inter-row permutation pattern is determined as  $T(j)=\text{pat4}$ . Table 2 below shows a matrix of the input data which was subjected to inter-row permutation according to the selected permutation sequence. As shown in Table 2, the 4<sup>th</sup> row's data of the original matrix is rearranged in the 0<sup>th</sup> row of the new matrix; the 3<sup>rd</sup> row's data of the original matrix is rearranged in the 1<sup>st</sup> row of the new matrix; the 2<sup>nd</sup> row's data of the original matrix is rearranged in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row of the new matrix; the 1<sup>st</sup> row's data of the original matrix is rearranged in the 3<sup>rd</sup> row of the new matrix; and the 0<sup>th</sup> row's data of the original matrix is rearranged in the 4<sup>th</sup> row of the new matrix.

Table 2

33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Thereafter, the interleaver 100 sequentially calculates a minimum prime integer sequence  $q(j)$ , a permuted prime integer sequence  $r(j)$ , and intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$ , which are permutation sequences for intra-row permutation, in accordance with Equation (2) below.

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Equation 2

$\text{g.c.d}\{q(j), p-1\} = 1, q(j) > 6, q(j) > q(j-1), q=1,2,\dots,R-1, q(0)=1$  (where g.c.d is greatest common divisor )

$$r[T(j)] = q(j), j=0,1,\dots,R-1$$

$$s(i) = [\mu \times s(i-1)] \bmod p, i=1,2,\dots,(p-2), s(0)=1$$

Further, the interleaver 100 calculates a final intra-row permutation pattern  $U^j(j)$  for the inter-row/intra-row permutation using the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$ , in accordance with Equation (3) below.

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Equation (3)

$$1. U^j(i) = s\{[i \times r(j)] \bmod (p-1)\}, i=0,1,2,\dots,p-2, U(p-1)=0 \text{ (for } C=p\text{)}$$

$$2. U^j(i) = s\{[i \times r(j)] \bmod (p-1)\}, i=0,1,2,\dots,p-2, U(p-1)=0, U(p)=p \text{ (for } C=p+1\text{)}.$$

When  $K=C \times R$ ,  $U^{R-1}(p)$  is exchanged with  $U^{R-1}(0)$  after intra-row permutation.

$$3. U^j(i) = s\{[i \times r(j)] \bmod (p-1)\} - 1, i=0,1,2,\dots,p-2 \text{ (for } C=p\text{)}$$

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That is, for the respective columns, the final intra-row permutation pattern values  $U^j(i)$  are calculated as shown in Equation (4) below.

Equation (4)

$$25 \quad U^0(i) = s(17i \bmod 6) = \{s(0), s(5), s(4), s(3), s(2), s(1), 0, 7\} = \{1, 5, 4, 6, 2, 3, 0, 7\}$$

$$U^1(i) = s(13i \bmod 6) = \{s(0), s(1), s(2), s(3), s(4), s(5), 0, 7\} = \{1, 3, 2, 6, 4, 5, 0, 7\}$$

$$U^2(i) = s(11i \bmod 6) = \{s(0), s(5), s(4), s(3), s(2), s(1), 0, 7\} = \{1, 5, 4, 6, 2, 3, 0, 7\}$$

$$U^3(i) = s(7i \bmod 6) = \{s(0), s(1), s(2), s(3), s(4), s(5), 0, 7\} = \{1, 3, 2, 6, 4, 5, 0, 7\}$$

$$U^4(i) = s(i \bmod 6) = \{7, s(1), s(2), s(3), s(4), s(5), 0, s(0)\} = \{7, 3, 2, 6, 4, 5, 0, 1\}$$

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Therefore, the interleaver 100 performs the final interleaving as shown in Table 3 below by intra-row permuting the data sequence which was subjected to inter-row

permutation as shown in Table 2, according to the final intra-row permutation pattern  $U^j(i)$  for the intra-row permutation.

Table 3

5	34	36	37	34	35	36	33	40
	26	28	27	31	29	30	25	32
	18	22	21	23	19	20	17	24
	10	12	11	15	13	14	9	16
	8	4	3	7	5	6	1	2

As described above, the interleaver 100 of the conventional turbo encoder 106 requires an additional temporary memory to intermediately (or temporarily) store the permuted data in the process of interleaving the input data, which can overload a  
10 microprocessor and/or a digital signal processor (DSP).

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is, therefore, an object of the present invention to provide an interleaver for  
15 an UMTS turbo encoder, capable of preventing an overload on a microprocessor and/or a digital signal processor during interleaving, and a method for performing interleaving.

It is another object of the present invention to provide an interleaver and a method for performing interleaving, capable of calculating a deinterleaved final  
20 address without using an additional temporary memory to store intermediately (or temporarily) permuted data in the process of interleaving the input data.

To achieve the above and other objects, there is provided an interleaver for a turbo encoder in an UMTS. The interleaver includes a register for updating and  
25 registering a plurality of parameters for setting an operating condition of the interleaver; a controller for generating a control signal for controlling an operation of the system by receiving the operating condition from the register; an address calculator for generating a finally interleaved address using an inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$ , an intra-row

permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $\text{incr}(j)$  and an intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$ , provided from the register according to the control signal generated by the controller; and a data storage for sequentially storing data input to the turbo encoder and outputting data corresponding to the address generated by the address  
 5 calculator.

Preferably, the address calculator includes an intra-row permutation pattern generator for calculating an intra-row permutation pattern data sequence using the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $\text{incr}(j)$  provided from the register  
 10 according to the control signal generated by the controller; an intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part for storing intermediate data while the intra-row permutation pattern generator calculates the intra-row permutation pattern; and a final address generator for calculating an address of the finally interleaved data by taking the inter-row permutation pattern from the register and the intra-row permutation basic  
 15 sequence corresponding to the intra-row permutation pattern value generated by the intra-row permutation pattern generator.

Preferably, the register updates and registers parameters used to calculate inter-row/intra-row permutation pattern of the input data to be interleaved, and provides the  
 20 parameters to the intra-row permutation pattern generator so as to generate an intra-row permutation pattern for generating an interleaved final intra-row permutation pattern.

Preferably, the register updates and registers a parameter  $K$  indicating a number of input data bits, a parameter  $\mu$  indicating a primitive root, a parameter  $p$  indicating a  
 25 prime number, a parameter  $R$  indicating a number of rows of the input data, a parameter  $C$  indicating a number of columns of the input data and a parameter TypeD indicating an exceptional process request signal. These parameters are used to calculate the inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$ , the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $\text{incr}(j)$  and the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$ .

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Preferably, the intra-row permutation pattern generator simplifies an operation by using an inter-row inverse permutation pattern  $TI(j)$  determined by inverting the

inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  in order to calculate a permuted prime integer sequence  $r(j)$  in a process of calculating the final intra-row permutation pattern  $U^j(i)$ .

Preferably, the intra-row permutation pattern generator includes a first adder  
 5 for adding a previous intra-row permutation pattern read from an intra-row permutation pattern memory to the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $incr(j)$ , to thereby output a first add value; a second adder for adding the first add value output from the first adder to a prime number  $-(p-1)$ , to thereby output a second add value; a first multiplexer for selectively outputting one of the first and second add  
 10 values from the first and second adders; a sign detector connected to the second adder and the first multiplexer for providing a selection control signal to the first multiplexer so that the first multiplexer outputs the second add value as an address of the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  when the second add value has a positive value, and outputs the first add value as an address of the intra-row permutation basic sequence  
 15 when the second add value has a negative value; and a second multiplexer for outputting a predetermined initial value during an initial operation of the intra-row permutation pattern generator, and then, providing the output of the first multiplexer as a read address of the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part for the next intra-row permutation pattern.

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Preferably, the increment arrangement value  $incr(j)$  is calculated in accordance with a following equation:

$$incr(j) = r\{TI(j)\} \bmod (p-1)$$

where  $incr(j)$ : increment,

25  $TI(j)$ : inter-row inverse permutation pattern,

$p$ : prime number, and

$r(j)$ : permuted prime integer sequence.

Preferably, the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part  
 30 sequentially stores a read address of one column output from the second multiplexer, and feeds back a previously stored read address to the first adder.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The above and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description when taken in  
 5 conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a prior art turbo encoder;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating an interleaver for a turbo encoder according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 3 is a detailed block diagram illustrating the intra-row permutation pattern  
 10 generator of FIG. 2.

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**

A preferred embodiment of the present invention will be described herein  
 15 below with reference to the accompanying drawings. In the following description, well-known functions or constructions are not described in detail since they would obscure the invention in unnecessary detail.

FIG. 2 illustrates a structure of an interleaver for a turbo encoder according to  
 20 an embodiment of the present invention. Referring to FIG. 2, the number  $K$  of input data bits, and parameters  $R$ ,  $C$ ,  $p$ ,  $\mu$  and TypeD determined depending on the input data bit number  $K$  are stored in a register 200. The parameter TypeD is set to '1', when  $C=p+1$  and  $K=C*R$ .

In addition, an inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$ , an intra-row permutation  
 25 basic sequence  $s(i)$ , an intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $incr(j)$  are stored in a memory of the register 200. The inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$ , the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  and the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $incr(j)$  are provided with  $i$  and  $j$  values from a controller (not shown), and the corresponding values are provided to an address calculator 202.  
 30 The inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  is determined by Equation (1), the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  is determined by Equation (2), and the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $incr(j)$  is determined by Equation



(5) below.

Equation (5)

$$\text{incr}(j) = r(j) \bmod (p-1), j=0,1,\dots,R-1$$

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In the embodiment of the present invention, an inter-row inverse permutation pattern  $TI(j)$  determined by inverting the inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  is used rather than the inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  in the process of calculating a permuted prime integer sequence  $r(j)$  used in Equation (5). In this manner, it is possible to reduce operations required to calculate the permuted prime integer sequence  $r(j)$  as shown in Equation (6) below.

Equation (6)

$$r(j) = q[TI(j)], j=0,1,\dots,R-1$$

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Here, the minimum prime integer sequence  $q(j)$  is identical to that of Equation (2), and the inter-row inverse permutation pattern  $TI(j)$  is determined by Equation (7) below.

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Equation (7)

$$TI(j) = \text{pat8 (for } 40 \leq K \leq 159)$$

$$TI(j) = \text{pat7 (for } 160 \leq K \leq 200)$$

$$TI(j) = \text{pat5 (for } 201 \leq K \leq 480)$$

$$TI(j) = \text{pat7 (for } 481 \leq K \leq 530)$$

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$$TI(j) = \text{pat5 (for } 531 \leq K \leq 2280)$$

$$TI(j) = \text{pat6 (for } 2281 \leq K \leq 2480)$$

$$TI(j) = \text{pat5 (for } 2481 \leq K \leq 3160)$$

$$TI(j) = \text{pat6 (for } 3161 \leq K \leq 3210)$$

$$TI(j) = \text{pat5 (for } 3211 \leq K \leq 5114)$$

30 where

$$\text{pat5} = \{4, 15, 5, 14, 3, 6, 17, 7, 11, 1, 10, 19, 8, 12, 2, 18, 16, 13, 9, 0\},$$

$$\text{pat6} = \{4, 15, 5, 14, 3, 6, 16, 7, 18, 1, 19, 17, 8, 11, 2, 13, 10, 12, 9, 0\},$$

pat7 = {9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,0}, and  
 pat8 = {4,3,2,1,0}.

After completion of setting the register 200, the controller in a hardware part  
 5 sequentially generates counter values  $i$  and  $j$  for controlling the address calculator 202.  
 Here, the counter values  $i$  and  $j$  each start from '0', and the counter value  $i$  increases by  
 1 when the counter value  $j$  reaches a value 'R-1' by increasing one by one. The  
 controller repeats the same operation until the counter values  $i$  and  $j$  reach 'C-1' and 'R-  
 1', respectively.

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Meanwhile, if an intra row permutation pattern  $a^i(j)$  is defined as the expression  
 $[i \times r(j)] \bmod (p-1)$ , which is used as indices of the intra row permutation basic sequence  
 $s(i)$  in Equation (3), then the final intra row permutation pattern  $U^j(i)$  can be represented  
 15 by Equation (8).

Equation (8)

$$a^i(j) = [i \times r(j)] \bmod (p-1)$$

Therefore,  $U^j(i) = s[a^i(j)]$ ,  $j=0,1,2,\dots,R-1$ ,  $i=0,1,2,\dots,p-2$ .

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The present invention used the fact that an intra-row permutation pattern  $a^i(j)$   
 of each row defined in Equation (8) is represented by a remainder determined by  
 dividing by  $(p-1)$  the previous intra-row permutation pattern value  $a^{i-1}(j)$ . If the row  
 number  $j$  is fixed and the value  $i$  is increased one by one starting from the initial value  
 25 '0', the intra row permutation pattern  $a^i(j)$  for  $j^{\text{th}}$  row can be calculated with Equation (9)  
 instead of using the expression in Equation (8). By determining the intra-row  
 permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $\text{incr}(j)$  in advance, the intra-row  
 permutation pattern  $a^i(j)$  is generated during actual operation of the hardware part by  
 performing only the addition and modulo operations rather than performing  
 30 multiplication, using the intra-row permutation pattern increment corresponding to each  
 row. This is shown in Equation (9) below.

Equation (9)

$$a^i(j) = [a^{i-1}(j) + \text{incr}(j)] \bmod (p-1)$$

where  $j=0,1,2,\dots,R-1$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,p-2$ ,  $a^0(j)=0$ .

5 That is, as shown in Equation (9), the intra-row permutation pattern  $a^i(j)$  for each  $j$  can be calculated from a previous intra-row permutation pattern  $a^{i-1}(j)$ . Further, since  $i$  does not decrease during the interleaving process, it is not necessary to store the previous value after calculating the present value. Based on this calculation method, an intra-row permutation pattern  $[a(j)]$  generator 204 stores the final  $a^i(j)$  value for each  $j$  in  
10 an intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206 whenever it generates an intra-row permutation pattern  $a^{i-1}(j)$  for each  $i$  and  $j$ .

During an operation of the hardware part, the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204 generates an intra-row permutation pattern for each  $i$  and  $j$  provided from  
15 the controller. Since it is necessary to initialize the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206 when  $i=0$ , the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204 outputs '0' as an intra-row permutation pattern  $a^i(j)$  and stores the output value in the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206. When  $0 < i \leq (p-2)$ , the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204 reads a  $j^{\text{th}}$  data bit from the intra-row permutation  
20 pattern  $a(j)$ , adds it to an increment read from the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $\text{incr}(j)$ , and then generates a new intra-row permutation pattern by performing a modulo operation. The generated new intra-row permutation pattern is stored in a  $j^{\text{th}}$  address of the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206 for generation of the next intra-row permutation pattern.

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The intra-row permutation pattern  $a^i(j)$  generated by the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204 is provided as a read address to an intra-row permutation basic sequence  $[s(i)]$  memory 208 in the register 200, and an output  $s[a(j)]$  of the memory 208 is provided to a final address generator 207.

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The final address generator 207 first calculates a final intra-row permutation pattern  $U^j(i)$  by taking the corresponding value  $s[a(j)]$  of the intra-row permutation basic

sequence according to the  $i$  and  $j$  values provided from the controller, and then calculates a finally interleaved address  $xaddr$  using the calculated value and the inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  provided from the register 200. In addition, the final address generator 207 performs an exceptional process for  $TypeD=1$ . The calculation process of the final address generator 207 is shown in Equations (10) and (11) below.

Equation (10)

$$U^j(i) = s[a(j)] \text{ (for } 0 \leq i \leq p-2 \text{)}$$

$$U^j(i) = 0 \text{ (for } i=p-1 \text{)}$$

$$U^j(i) = p \text{ (for } i=p \text{)}$$

where  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, C-1, j=0, 1, 2, \dots, R-1$ .

However, the following exceptional process is performed for  $TypeD=1$ .

$$U^j(i) = p \text{ (for } i=0 \text{ and } j=R-1 \text{)}$$

$$U^j(i) = 1 \text{ (for } i=p \text{ and } j=R-1 \text{)}$$

Equation (11)

$$xaddr = C * T(j) + U^j(i)$$

A data storage 214 reads data corresponding to the finally interleaved address  $xaddr$  generated from the final address generator 207 and outputs the read data.

FIG. 3 illustrates a detailed structure of the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204. When the parameter  $i$  for the intra-row permutation pattern  $a(j)$  is '0' (i.e.,  $i=0$ ), a second multiplexer 402 selects '0' as an initial value of the intra-row permutation pattern  $a(j)$ , and the selected value is provided as an address of the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  in the register 200 and at the same time, is stored in a  $j^{th}$  address of the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206.

When the parameter  $i$  is not '0' (i.e.,  $i \neq 0$ ), data corresponding to the  $j^{th}$  address of the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206 is fed back to a first adder 400 as a previous parameter data value, which corresponds to the previously

stored intra-row permutation pattern  $a^{i-1}(j)$ . A value stored in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  address of the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value  $\text{incr}(j)$  is provided from the register 200 to another input end of the first adder 400. Thus, the first adder 400 adds the previous intra-row permutation pattern  $a(j)$  to the increment value  $\text{incr}(j)$ , and a first  
 5 add value output from the first adder 400 is provided to a second adder 404, which adds the first add value to a prime number  $[-(p-1)]$  as shown in Equation (5).

The added value is provided in common to a first multiplexer 408 and a sign detector 406. That is, the second adder 404 outputs a remainder  $[\{a(j)+\text{incr}(j)\}-(p-1)]$   
 10 determined by dividing the first add value  $[a(j) + \text{incr}(j)]$  by the prime number  $(p-1)$ . This is because as shown in Equation (9), when the sum of the previous intra-row permutation pattern  $a(j)$  and the increment value  $\text{incr}(j)$  is larger than the prime number  $(p-1)$ , a value determined by subtracting  $(p-1)$  from the first add value becomes equivalent to the remainder in the process of performing a modulo operation using the  
 15 prime number  $(p-1)$ .

A second add value  $[\{a(j)+\text{incr}(j)\}-(p-1)]$  output from the second adder 404 is provided in common to the MSB (Most Significant Bit) sign detector 406 and the first multiplexer 408. The sign detector 406 then detects only the MSB bit of the second add  
 20 value output from the second adder 404 and provides the detected MSB bit to the first multiplexer 408 as a selection control signal. The first multiplexer 408 selectively outputs the first add value  $a(j)+\text{incr}(j)$  output from the first adder 400 and the second add value  $[\{a(j)+\text{incr}(j)\}-(p-1)]$  output from the second adder 404 according to the selection control signal output from the sign detector 406.

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If a sign detected by the sign detector 406 is '0', it means that the first add value is equal to or larger than  $(p-1)$ , so that  $(p-1)$  should be subtracted from the first add value to obtain a result value of the modulo operation. Otherwise, if the sign is '1', it means that the first add value is smaller than  $(p-1)$ , so that the first add value becomes  
 30 equal to a result value of the modulo operation. Accordingly, the second multiplexer 402 selects a correct modulo operation result for the first and second add values output from the first multiplexer 408 after the initial value  $i=0$ ; provides the selected value as an

address of the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  in the register 200; and, at the same time, stores the selected value in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  address of the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206.

5 A description will now be made of an operation of the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204 with reference to Equation (4) used to calculate the final intra-row permutation pattern  $U^j(i)$  of the input data. When  $j=0$  and  $i=0$ , an output address value  $i$ , i.e., the intra-row permutation pattern  $a(j)$  for the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  is set to '0'. Then, the initial value '0' of the intra-row permutation pattern  $a(j)$  is  
 10 stored in the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206 and, at the same time, is provided as an address of the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$ .

That is, when  $i$  increases by one for the same  $j$  value ( $=0$ ), the previous intra-row permutation pattern value '0' stored in the intra-row permutation pattern storage  
 15 arrangement part 206 is provided to the first adder 400, which adds the previous intra-row permutation pattern '0' to an increment  $\text{incr}(j)$  value '5'. As a result, the first add value '5' is provided in common to one input end of the first multiplexer 408 and the second adder 404.

20 The second adder 404 then adds the first add value '5' to the prime number  $(p-1)$  '-6' and outputs a value '-1' to the sign detector 406. Since the second add value has a negative value, the sign detector 406 generates a selection control signal '1' so that the first multiplexer 408 should select the first add value output from the first adder 400. Accordingly, the first multiplexer 408 outputs the first add value '5', and this value is  
 25 selected through the second multiplexer 402 as the next intra-row permutation pattern  $a(j)$  and then stored in the intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement part 206. That is, in this method, the address value  $i$  of the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  is calculated without using complicated Equation (2), thus contributing to the simple circuit structure.

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The register 200 stores the parameter  $\mu$  indicating a primitive root; the parameter  $K$  indicating the number of the input data bits; the parameter  $R$  indicating the

number of rows of the input data; the parameter C indicating the number of the columns of the input data; the parameter p indicating a prime number; and the parameter TypeD indicating an exceptional process request signal as well as the increment  $\text{incr}(j)$  according to the input data bit number K provided from the controller. In addition, the register 200 previously stores the inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  of the input data determined according to the input data bit number K.

A description will now be made of an operation of the final address generator 207 using the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204, the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  and the inter-row permutation pattern  $T(j)$  memory 212. The intra-row permutation pattern output from the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204 is provided to the intra-row permutation basic sequence memory 208 in the register 200 as a read address. Accordingly, the intra-row permutation basic sequence memory 208 provides the final address generator 207 with the value  $s[a(j)]$  designated by the read address provided from the intra-row permutation pattern generator 204.

Since the address value in the intra-row permutation basic sequence memory 208, designated by the read address, is equivalent to the final intra-row permutation pattern value  $U^j(i)$  of the input data, the final address generator 207 receives the value  $s[a(j)]$  read from the intra-row permutation basic sequence  $s(i)$  and the inter-row permutation pattern read from the inter-row permutation pattern memory 212, and provides the received values to the data storage 214 as a read address for reading interleaved output data. As a result, the input data stored in the read address area in the data storage 214 is read and output as interleaved output data.

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To sum up, the present invention does not store again the input data rearranged during intra-row or inter-row permutation of the input data in a separate memory. Instead, the embodiment of the present invention operates a final intra-row or inter-row permuted read address from the data storage in which data is sequentially stored, and outputs the data corresponding to the read address, thus making it possible to implement the same function as the conventional interleaver which sequentially reads data from the memory in which the interleaved data is separately stored.

Accordingly, the interleaver for the turbo encoder according to the present invention can prevent a waste of the memory and has a simple structure. In addition, the novel interleaver can reduce a load on the turbo encoder.

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While the invention has been shown and described with reference to a certain preferred embodiment thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.